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REMARKS

Claims 15, 16, and 19 – 27 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 and 2 of commonly assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,922,429. Applicants' representative has filed a terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the nonstatutory obvious-type double patenting rejection has been overcome and that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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